(a) A History Committee was constituted for making necessary recommendations to review pre-2000 NCERT histroy textbooks. The old NCERT history textbooks, after incorporation of necessary changes based on the recommendations of this Committee, would be restored during 2005-06.

(b) In respect of textbooks other than history textbooks, Quick Review Committees were also constituted by NCERT and errors pointed out by these Committees have been incorporated as errata in the NCERT textbooks for the next academic year.

In keeping with the 5-yearly mandate of the National Policy on Education (NPE) as well as the decision of the Executive Committee of NCERT, a review of the NCFSE has been initiated by the NCERT in the current academic year. For this purpose, a National Steering Group of eminent scholars, activists and teachers has been constituted by the NCERT. In addition, 21 National Focus Groups covering different subject areas, issues of structural reorganization of the education, those of national concern such as gender, problems of the SC/ST children, etc. have also been constituted.

The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) has separately set up a committee on 10.9.2004, *inter alia,* to suggest an appropriate regulatory mechanism for institutionalizing the issue of preparation of textbooks and curricular material.

The recommendations of the National Steering Group/Focus Groups and those of the Committee set up by CABE would be important inputs in a revised NCFSE.

Protection and rehabilitation of women/young girls in Madhya Pradesh

†203G. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals submitted by the Madhya Pradesh Government upto December, 2004 under the Central Government scheme to protect and rehabilitate the women/young girls; and

(b) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Three proposals have been sent by the Madhya Pradesh Government upto December, 2004 under the Swadhar Scheme to protect and rehabilitate the women/young girls.

(b) These proposals were placed before the Project Sanctioning Committee of the department of Women and Child Development on 22.9.2004. 2 proposals of Swadhar were cleared by the Project Sanctioning Committee of the Department of Women & Child Development and 1 poposal had been referred back to the State Government for attending to deficiencies.

Appointment of Psychologists to help students get rid of Exam stress

2040. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Board Examinations stress is taking a heavy toll on promising students every year;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to appoint expert psychologists to help the students appearing in Board Examinations to fight the stress and anxiety associated with Board Examinations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. As per information received from Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), CBSE launched a tele-counselling help line service in the year 1998. CBSE's help line programme starts one month before the commencement of examinations. Through this programme counselling and courses guidance is provided to the students and the parents by professional psychologists, school principals and trained counsellors. For 2005 examination, the help line service is provided through 37 centres located in India and abroad.